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FORMER BANK EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that 37-year-old Patricia Ledesma of Blanco, Texas, was sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison for stealing \$169,919.89 from Cattleman's National Bank in Blanco.

In addition, Ledesma was ordered to pay restitution to the bank and be placed under supervised release for a period of five years after completing her prison term.

On October 3, 2003, Ledesma pled guilty to one count of embezzlement by a bank employee. In addition to her teller duties, Ledesma also managed the bank's vault. Ledesma admitted that between June 2001 and May 15, 2003, she stole money from both her teller drawer and the vault. Bank officials discovered her scheme during a surprise audit of Ledesma's teller drawer on May 15, 2003.

This case resulted from an investigation conducted by special agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney David Counts prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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